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Library modifies worker policy

Director: Safety always 'main concern'

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Student library workers say they are upset by a recent decision that has greatly impacted their work hours, their duties, and their pride. They are also disappointed their views were not sought in advance of the changes being ordered.

In an Oct. 1 letter, Dr. Bryan Hearsey, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, informed student library supervisors they will no longer be carrying out those duties during weekends and evenings because of "security, safety, and liability" concerns.

Library Director Frank Mols said the changes are to take place at the beginning of the spring term. He said the plan is to have a "regular staff member present whenever the building is open."

Although neither Hearsey nor Mols raised a specter of danger, they said the changes are simply a



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WORKER WOES Amanda Keith '10 works at the circulation desk in the Bishop Library. Next semester an adult worker will always be on duty, a policy change students feel was not discussed with them

precaution because of recent college attacks in the United States.

"It is not desirable for a student to have the burden of dealing with an emergency and the potential results of an emergency," Hearsey said. "The General Officers of the College do not think that students should be placed in the position of

responsibility for a campus building."

"We must be vigilant and not be lulled into a false sense of security," Mols added. "The incidents at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University demonstrate that this can happen anywhere and may Please see **LIBRARY** | Page 2

Cash bag stolen from Wig & Buckle box office

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THEATER THEFT A cash bag filled with Wig & Buckle profits was stolen from the box office sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning

Only nine days after a grease fire in the Underground interrupted the opening night performance of *Dracula*, a cash bag containing \$1,000 was discovered missing from the Wig & Buckle Theater Company's box office during the final show Sunday afternoon.

According to Dr. Kevin Pry, Wig & Buckle adviser, normal closing-up procedure requires profits generated from box office sales to be transferred to a safe in the Public Safety office after each performance.

After Friday night's show, Corey Greene '12, Wig & Buckle treasurer, followed protocol and delivered the money to Public Safety but found no officers on

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Students react to Obama's victory

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You either love him or you hate him.

Students at LVC proved this statement to be true in regards to the President-elect of the country, Barack Obama.

Obama's election is dividing the campus, drawing sharp party lines between Democrats and Republicans.

Dave Adams '10, a criminal justice major, believes that Obama's past should disqualify him from the Presidency.

"The man can't even get security clearances for anything, but he's the president," said Adams, in reference to an interview with Yonkers councilman John Murgath. Murgath's childhood home was bombed by the Weathermen, a radical group lead by Bill Ayers. Ayers's relationship with Obama was called into question late in the campaign, and Murgath alleged that Obama was refused security clearances because of his association with Ayers.

Adams sees other issues with the impending Obama presidency.

"I don't agree with his socialist values," he explained.

Some at LVC agree with Adams. Abby Irwin '10, a music performance major and a Republican, worries about the impact of Obama's tax plan on her family's business, a funeral home run by her father.

"It's just sad to see that people are somehow okay with taking money

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duty.

However, at the conclusion of Saturday night's performance, Greene locked the money in a Public Safety cash bag in the box office at approximately 11:30 p.m. rather than delivering the funds to the Public Safety office. Greene then locked the box office door.

When Wig & Buckle Vice President and Producer Steve Wisner '09 arrived at the box office Sunday morning, he found the door unlocked. Wisner said he thought the door had been unlocked by Wig & Buckle members getting ready to sell tickets for that afternoon's show.

"I didn't think anything of it, but I was obviously mistaken," Wisner said.

During intermission around 3:15 p.m., Wig & Buckle President Stephanie Henrich '09 entered the box office to get extra quarters from the cash bag to use as change for concession sales and found the bag missing.

Al Yingst, director of Public Safety, said he and other officers are still gathering information about

the burglary.

"We are in the process of identifying and contacting potential witnesses and names that we were given that may have some information concerning this incident," Yingst said.

Henrich expressed outrage that someone at LVC would have "the audacity to take" the money.

"We use the profits that we make to put on bigger and better performances," she said. "We spend countless hours making sets,

costumes, lighting plots, play lists, prop lists, but most importantly, rehearsing a play that is for the audi-

ence's enjoyment."

According to Pry, Dean of Student Affairs Rosemary Yuhas has been questioning College Center desk employees.

But, he said, the theater group is not accusing any particular party. In fact, the company places the blame on itself.

"It was our responsibility, an inadvertent glitch in our normal procedure," Pry said. "We're not blaming lax campus security, and we're not blaming the College Center."

Erin Brubaker '11, who oversees the box office for Wig & Buckle,

says she suspects the money was stolen some time between the Underground Dance and the opening of the College Center desk.

"The recent theft...proves to have shaken the sense of security we place in a lock," Brubaker said. "We as a theater company take the responsibility of having left the money in the box office over night in the first place, however we are still puzzled as to how or who carried out the theft."

Although she finds the theft frustrating, Henrich said she hopes good can arise from the situation.

She commended the cast and crew for an "outstanding, record-breaking run," referring to the opening night's sell-out performance, a first for a play in recent history.

"What can I say? Wig and Buckle's performances of *Dracula* definitely started and ended with a bang," she said.

Anyone with information about the burglary should contact Public Safety at ext. 6111.

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SGA discusses Peace Garden, UG reopening

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Steppers and Shakers (S.A.S.) were awarded probationary club status by the SGA Monday night. The club had a well-planned proposal and look forward to many activities in the coming semester.

Every student should have gotten their invitation to the Winter Formal. Tickets will be on sale beginning next week.

There were also cleanliness concerns with the cafeteria, as well as the anticipated re-opening of the Peace Garden. The glitter incidence in the pond of the Peace Garden is still under investigation. The UG is officially reopened, having some new equipment because of fire damage. The cafeteria also put in a request for a fresher lettuce selection in the future.

SGA closed the meeting to outside guests at this point. Any information discussed thereafter was strictly for members of student government only.

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Corrections & Clarifications

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The names of Jon Wolff and Maria Pagonakis were misspelled in last week's edition in the article "Dear Mr. President-elect"

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

LIBRARY: Students view policy change as lack of respect

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come from within the institution."

Several student library workers who were interviewed for this story did not want to be named. The student worker described two recent incidents at Bishop Library as minor and said they were resolved quickly. The first incident involved a community member repeatedly viewing porn on library computers, and the second involved another community member making inappropriate comments to a student worker.

The students feel that they are confident and responsible and do not see the need to be replaced by adult supervisors. The students said the change is viewed as a lack of respect. Students also said they and Student Government Association members suggested security options for the library, but were not considered by officials.

"The purpose of the new adult supervisors was originally for safety, [and] we are unsure why neither of them has any sort of training in order to protect us from potential

threats," they said.

Students complained the change will result in a loss of hours and will cost them their jobs. They said when he arrived as the library's new director, Mols told student workers at meetings that changes were not necessary because the library was running smoothly.

Currently, there are only two adult supervisors who are finishing tasks that were typically reserved for student workers. As a result, many students say they have nothing to do.

"Some people cannot even come in to work their shifts because they have nothing left to do," said a student. "In some cases, there is so little to do that students are being assigned useless jobs such as counting chairs."

Hearsey, however, said students are still being given their requested amount of hours.

"I do know that every effort has been made to ensure that student library workers are given the num-

ber of hours they expected at the beginning of the semester," he said.

Hearsey defended the decision, saying money was not the issue. He said there are other jobs on campus available for students, some that even go unfulfilled each semester.

"It is my understanding that in any given semester, there are sufficient jobs on campus to meet student needs," he said.

However, students reported that is not always true.

On the Student Employment board, students said they found three jobs that were already filled, two jobs that were off-campus and not accessible to everyone, and the remaining four jobs required special knowledge or certification. Students said the changes made at the library make them question the future status of other on-campus jobs.

Yet Hearsey contended that the problem is isolated to the library.

"My concern is that a student

not be assigned responsibility for a building. I am not aware of other situations than the library where this is the case," he said.

However, students cited the College Center in Mund as an example of students having the responsibility of being in charge, including evenings and weekends.

"When the fire in the UG happened, [only one person] was working. Even the Writing Center in the library is run by students at all times," some said. In addition, students also said that the Lynch computer lab is open until midnight Sunday through Thursday, with student workers being the sole supervisors.

Mols said the college is ultimately responsible for the liability of its students.

"The safety of everyone either studying or working in the library will always be our main concern," he said.

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NEWS

European Union simulation class headed to D.C.

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Next weekend, the ten members of Dr. Diane Johnson's European Union political science class will have an opportunity that no other class has ever had in LVC's history.

Seniors Andrew Raudensky, Steve Kurtz, Eli Galán, Greg Kauffman, Lisa Burkholder, David Meharg, juniors Cody Harbaugh, Andrew Perdew, Kelsey Shoupe, and sophomore Tim Arthun will be leaving for the nation's capital of Washington D.C. on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

These students will be participating in a mock conference called the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation Consortium (MEUSC). Participating colleges, including Drexel University, West Chester University, Elizabethtown College, and Susquehanna University, each pick a country that is part of the European Union to represent.

Johnson's class will be representing the Czech Republic, a country that has recently made a transition from communism to democracy and joined the Union in 2004. Students will assume the identity of the country and fulfill a variety of roles, from playing national executives and parliamentarians to adapting the country's vision, policies, and perspective. These aspects will be used to debate and discuss a current issue that is chosen as the theme of the conference.

This year's theme is climate change, which is a pertinent problem to the Czech Republic, says Johnson.

"The major environmental challenges facing the country are air and water pollution in certain regions, especially acid rain in the Czech forests. The CR is making efforts to bring industry up to European Union codes, which has been difficult in light of decades of environmental neglect during the communist period," she adds.

How are students tackling this issue? Senior history major David Meharg, who will be playing European Union (EU) member Tomáš Zatloukal, plans to talk about climate changes such as organic farming and CAP, an agriculture subsidies program of the EU.

"Personally, I am finding out as much info as I can on my person to best represent him—what political party he's in, what [it] stands for, what he stands for on the environment," he says.

Senior political science major Andrew Raudensky adds that the "current events are also extremely important as we are all following the news in Europe, particularly dealing with climate change, agriculture, and the Czech Republic."

This opportunity offers many benefits, not only for students to work together as a team and discuss international issues, but for the college as a whole.

"It's a great way to get LVC in-

volved in a region-wide activity, and it's a great chance for our students to engage in experiential, 'hands-on' learning," Johnson says. "We'll also be visiting the Czech embassy while we're in D.C., which is a very cool opportunity."

Raudensky agrees.

"As opposed to simply discussing and researching problems, an opportunity like this allows us to become critical thinkers and act in an environment which is seemingly very close to the real deal," he says.

Lisa Burkholder, also a senior political science major, is looking forward to dealing with real-life issues.

"[We will understand] how it feels to be in the midst of legislative debate and having to compromise and work together with people who disagree to come up with a coherent plan," she says.

This valuable opportunity wouldn't exist without a donation from former Dean Bill McGill and his wife, Ellen, whose generosity will cover transportation, housing, and most food costs. Johnson's class hasn't forgotten their kindness and would like to extend a thank-you to its supporters.

"I am sure that I can speak on behalf of the rest of the class in saying that we are all very grateful for such a generous contribution to the class and students," Raudensky says.

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ELECTION: Consensus: Obama has full plate ahead

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they didn't earn from people who did earn it, as if those people don't need it," she said. "It's really sad that my dad's small business will suffer under this change, that he may have to lay off his employees, and that he might not be able to retire."

Irwin also takes issue with Obama's healthcare plan.

"If they're giving free healthcare to everyone, there's no way that it's going to be quality healthcare," she said. "I want to be able to choose my own doctors at my own discretion. Obama makes all these promises, but there's no way he's going to keep them."

That's not to say that Obama is without his supporters at the Valley. Sarah Bronstein '10, history

and secondary education, proudly voted for Obama in the election.

"He's younger than McCain [so] he has a better idea of what younger people want," she explained. "He focused on them more during the election. He knows that we have a voice."

She especially supported Obama's support of stem cell research, his support of environmentalism, and his plans for Iraq.

"I'm really happy he has an agenda in Iraq," she said. "He has a timetable; that's important."

"I'm happy," agreed Chris Clements '10, a business major. "[The country] was going in the wrong direction. Obama will do more for the middle class," he

said, referring to Obama's proposed tax cuts to families making less than \$250,000 dollars a year.

Eric Deatrick '12, a physical therapy major, also celebrated Obama's election.

"I think he'll take the country in the right direction," he said, pointing to his planned economic policy and stance on abortion and gay marriage.

Despite their differences on the issues, there is one thing that all LVC students, Democrat, Republican, Independent or third-party can agree on. Sen. Obama's got his work cut out for him.

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11-9-08 | 114 E. Main Street

Assault

Annville Township Police Department reported a student was assaulted at his 114 E. Main St. home.

11-7-08 | Peace Garden

Vandalism

Someone dumped glitter in the pond at the Peace Garden, causing substantial damage. Anyone with information please contact Public Safety.

11-7-08 | Derickson Hall

Disorderly conduct

Someone in Derickson Hall threw a firecracker out of the window at someone walking on the sidewalk. Student Affairs was notified.

11-5-08 | Funkhouser Residence Hall

Disturbance

Public Safety received a call of individuals fighting in Funkhouser. The fight started over a video game. Student affairs was notified.

11-4-08 | Arnold Sports Center Field

Suspicious persons

Three off-campus persons were playing music in the ASC field area. They were requested to leave campus and complied.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

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Features

Making better writers since 1998

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Lebanon Valley College gave birth to the Writing Center a decade ago.

"We have come along way in 10 years but still have a long way to go," says Professor Walter Labonte, Director of the Writing Center and a member of the English Department faculty.

Labonte began the Writing Center with the goal to "not make better papers, but to make better writers."

The Writing Center has grown a lot in 10 years. It did not have a home until 1998 when President Stephen MacDonald decided there needed to be a central location for the Writing Center. It is currently located in the bottom level of the Bishop Library.

At the Writing Center's peak, Labonte had 85 tutors. The numbers were too overwhelming since the staff needed to meet every other week. With 85 students, schedules were in constant conflict of one another in order to attend the mandatory training sessions.

Labonte decided to cut the numbers down to 16 tutors in order to ensure proper training.

For the Writing Center staff to be properly trained, they are split up into two teams. Each meeting, teams alternate and explain a chapter from an English as a Second Language (ESL) textbook to the other team. Every year, a new textbook is used.

In 2006, the Writing Center broke away from the peer tutoring program. The Writing Center helps students with the direction

of their papers, whereas peer tutoring helps students with a specific academic subject. Reverend Timothy Dewald is now in charge of the peer tutors.

"We [currently] have about 90-plus peer tutors," Dewald says. "The number will probably grow to about 100 by the end of the second semester."

Although both programs operate separately from each other, they now share the same office in the library basement.

The Writing Center staff is made up of students who excel at writing. All tutors must have a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must meet with a resource committee that hires potential people before the final interview with Labonte. They must learn the standards and values of the program. After each session, the student fills out a comment sheet.

Tutors are observed once by Labonte, and each tutor has to observe another tutor once. Every year the tutors have to submit a new writing sample.

A student does not need a formal invitation to use the Writing Center. Some professors might recommend using the Writing Center, but it is ultimately up to the student to seek help. Any LVC student can use the Writing Center, no matter what field of study they are in. An average of 100 to 150 students will be served by the Writing Center a year.

Labonte has noted a "tremendous increase in freshman [this year]."

"The only way in which I think the incoming freshman class is not prepared for college level writing is that they are not confident enough

in their own writing abilities. Their ideas are so original and interesting, and they do not give themselves the credit they deserve," tutor Melanie Tober '10 says.

Writing Center tutors focus on making clients better writers in general through the tutoring sessions, trying to work with each individual to adapt the paper in its areas of need.

"Aside from minor grammatical issues, a major issue I notice in student papers is clarity. They struggle to find the right words and end up with run-ons that don't make any sense. People usually just need to step back and think about the main point they want to get across. They end up reducing a lot of 'fluff,'" writes tutor Heather Aurand '09.

Labonte has trained his staff to fix this problem by, "always try[ing] to address the higher order thinking and writing skills first because we value what the writer has to say before we dabble in the mechanicals that are grammar and usage."

Another common problem is that the student started the assignment at the last minute and did not have time to edit and revise.

The Writing Center staff agrees that not all students are coming prepared to college. If the student's high school did not teach the "next



Ben Waltz '11/LA VIE

level of writing" beyond the five paragraph essay needed for state testing, the student will lack the confidence and skills he or she needs to earn a good grade. The Writing Center understands the needs of students who did not come from a high school that had an extensive writing program.

"The Writing Center tutors are attuned to this need and often help the beginning writer to adjust the work based upon the audience and purpose for the piece. We also introduce our clients to prewriting strategies to help them get ideas for their topics," Labonte says.

The Writing Center has afternoon hours to accommodate commuters. It is open Sunday through Thursday from 6-9 p.m.

Writing Center Hours

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The Writing Center works closely with disability services to ensure the best possible guidance to all students. The staff cannot mark up a student's paper unless the student has a learning disability that is confirmed by Disability Services.

Labonte believes that in the future the Writing Center will have electric conferencing, although he is "reluctant at this point. Face to face is so important. [With electric conferencing you] lose non verbal communication."

Currently, the only way to schedule an appointment is online. The student hears back from the tutor within 36 hours. At some point, Labonte would like to use telephone requests to make on-the-spot appointments. Walk-ins are also welcome.

"We just want to be better, improve service and understand the tutoring process and what clients need," Labonte says.

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Arts & Entertainment

Game adaptation is Payne-ful

Wahlberg stars in yet another disappointing film

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Mark Wahlberg has begun his downward decent from movie stardom.

The Happening, *We Own the Night*, and *Shooter* are some of his most recent flops.

Why in the world is Mr. Wahlberg continually taking roles in such crappy movies?

He's a very talented actor. Just think back to 2006 when he played in *The Departed*.

His latest flop, *Max Payne*, tells the story of New York City cop on the search for a murderer, with a personal vendetta to avenge his sister's death. Based on a videogame franchise and set to live action, the film stars Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis, and Beau Bridges and is directed by John Moore (*Flight of the Phoenix*).

Having never played the original videogame, it's difficult to comment on the film's adherence to appropriate adaptation. The vid-

eogame is rated Mature, so one can only wonder why the film received a PG-13 rating. I was expecting lots of blood and prolific use of fun four letter words that begin with the letter f.

Appalled by the lack of character development, I was not surprised after checking the source material. A videogame adaptation usually has very flat characters, and it baffles me why these types of movies are continually being made.

You may remember that mess-of-a-movie *Hitman*.

Action movie junkies prefer to be entertained with glittery explosions, beautiful women, and exotic locals...and *Payne* was everything but. The plot was so muddled and convoluted, it became lackluster. Such a simple story should have been told simply; this way, it would have been much more invigorating.

The overall look of the film was a slim saving grace from completely writing this one off. The dark and murky landscapes were executed

nicely, and the throwback to the noir movies was apparent.

The Matrix-style gun play was also a nice touch, but not enough to save this already sinking ship. Seriously, mixing John Moore, a PG-13 rating, and very boring source material is a recipe for disaster.

This is one of those films that if you have seen the theatrical trailer, you inadvertently have seen the whole movie. All of the film's excitement is packed into the two minute and thirty second duration of the trailer. Don't be misled: the rest of the film is just boring.

When thinking about movie titles, they were a little off base with this one. *Max Payne-ful*, may have been a tad more appropriate.

**Final
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AC/DC is back in black (ice) and only at Wal-Mart



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"If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

For AC/DC, that popular adage has been their successful business strategy since 1973.

For *Black Ice*, their fifteenth studio album, and first album of all-new material in eight years, the Aussie band teamed up with producer Brendan O'Brien.

You may feel like you've heard some of the songs in this punchy, 55-minute package before—I'll even point out a few of the more

obvious similarities. Blame the "magic formula."

With four tracks that include some form of the word "rock" in their titles (three of these are the phrase "rock 'n' roll"), it's pretty obvious what this album is all about. Love it or hate it, AC/DC's back in *Black Ice* and doing what they do best—standing as rock's equivalent to the Statue of Liberty.

In the first 10 seconds of the opening track, "Rock N Roll Train," it is easy to tell that this is an AC/DC album. Angus Young starts the album off with one of his trademark riffs before Phil Rudd brings the band into this tight groove with the crash of the snare (a la *Back in Black*'s "You Shook Me All Night Long").

A pleasant surprise was the sound of Brian Johnson's voice. While there's a little more wheeze and grit in his voice these days, Johnson's still got it, especially when you take into account the screeching, larynx-shredding vocals that he has been

roaring over this raucous band since replacing the late great Bon Scott as the singer in 1980.

As the album continues, listeners' ears will be pounded by the familiar pile-driving riffs and thunderous drumbeat that's expected from these guys. The old-school cocky swagger (think Mick Jagger with devil horns) is clearly still there, especially on the cut "Big Jack."

"War Machine" also sounds like it could be the next AC/DC classic. Fire up the colossal mp3 library and flip between this track and "Givin the Dog a Bone" (also from *Back in Black*)—you'll hear what I'm talking about.

While a lot of the album is just the same old same old from America's favorite Australians, check out "Stormy May Day" and "Rock N Roll Dream." In

"Stormy May Day" a slide guitar, of all things, can be heard! "Rock N Roll Dream" is also alarmingly close to being a ballad with guitar textures, level of production, and recording studio trickery that is uncharacteristic of the band but works in the context of the song. This level of experimentation and growth, though very limited, doesn't go unnoticed.

Then it's right back into the fail-safe rockers as the album comes to a close with the title track. "Black Ice" is more of what we love about AC/DC.

They've got nothing left to prove,

but that's no reason to stop rocking. At this rate, the band appears poised to "pull a Rolling Stones" and continue to salute those about to rock into perpetuity.

If you're looking to purchase this album, don't bother searching the Internet. These old dudes have yet to embrace selling their stuff in cyberspace. Don your smiley face stickers and drive out to your local Wal-Mart. *Black Ice* is sold exclusively at the corporate monolith.

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Cabinet Face-Off 2008

Political Science professors predict President-elect Obama's appointees

Dr. Chris Dolan, Assistant Professor of Political Science



Eric Holder: He "served as Obama's senior legal advisor and is considered the odds-on favorite for this post." Dolan would like to see Arizona governor Janet Napolitano, who was one of the first to publicly give her support to Obama over Hillary Clinton, in January.

Attorney General

Bill Richardson: He is experienced. He writes, "Richardson would also supply Obama with a much-needed Hispanic in his Cabinet—recognition that the president-elect owes a good part of his victory to the Latino vote." He says John Kerry is also likely to be appointed Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

Robert Gates: The current Secretary of Defense could remain under Obama. But he sees Obama picking Chuck Hagel. "Hagel, a Vietnam veteran highly regarded for his political courage and sober views of military restraint, could well end up being a Republican in the Obama Cabinet."

Secretary of Defense

Lawrence Summers: He worked in the treasury department during the Clinton administration, and is likely to become Secretary of the Treasury. He sees Obama picking New Jersey Governor John Corzine. "His appointment would send a reassuring signal of calm to Wall Street."

Secretary of Treasury

Dr. Diane Johnson, Assistant Professor of Political Science



Janet Napolitano: In her second term as governor of Arizona, she has been a very successful governor and is well respected. She was also an early supporter of Obama in the Democratic primaries. This would give Obama another opportunity to put a woman in a high-ranking cabinet position.

John Kerry: He was of course the Democrat's presidential nominee in 2004, and was early to endorse Obama over Hillary Clinton. He has experience on the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, and is said to be lobbying hard for the job. On the other hand, Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska also has solid credentials in foreign policy and would show that Obama is willing to reach across the aisle to a Republican.

Robert Gates: The benefits of retaining Gates are that it allows Obama to say he was really serious about bipartisanship (since Gates was the choice of a Republican president), and to deflect some concerns that Obama's lack of foreign policy experience might jeopardize our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Paul Volcker: He's currently an economic adviser to Obama, so he's a known and presumably respected commodity. He was chair of the Federal Reserve from 1979, under Carter and Reagan. Lawrence Summers is an economist who was Secretary of the Treasury for the end of the Clinton administration. He's controversial, however, for several things he said while he was President of Harvard concerning women, affirmative action, and the environment.

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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Q: I have been seeing someone for several months now. However, my best friend and roommate doesn't like my girlfriend, and I don't know what to do about it. She's here every Friday night. My best friend thinks she's too loud and obnoxious and acts like she owns the house whenever she's here. Don't get me wrong, my roommate doesn't mind that she cooks us all dinner on Friday night, but at the same time, he says he feels out of place in our house. How can I keep the peace between two very important people in my life?

- Frustrated Friend

Beth: It's important to keep these two relationships separate. I have a feeling that your best friend probably feels awkward around your girlfriend because their personalities clash, and that's fine. Two people don't have to get along, but they should respect each other.

Perhaps your roommate feels as if your girlfriend invades his space too much, whether it's spending the night or taking over the house.

BETH JULIAN '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Whatever the problem is, it should be addressed immediately, whether you do it separately or all together as a group. You all might find a compromise, such as not saying or doing certain things that irritate the other. Odds are, the girlfriend isn't aware of how obnoxious she is and needs someone to tell her that (politely, of course). Once the problems are addressed, perhaps you will find some common ground between your best friend and your girlfriend, and this will become less tense.

Jen: Although I agree with Beth about compromise, I like to try and be realistic. Chances are, if your roommate doesn't really care for your girlfriend now, he probably will never be best friends with her either. You have to realize like Beth said that it's more than likely you should keep these two relationships separate. Don't try to mix the two together; the combination could be dangerous. However, I would be sure to remind your girlfriend that when she

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is in your house, she has to respect your roommate and his space, since he is the one who is paying to live there, after all. If we switch the situation around, I'm sure your girlfriend would not be thrilled with the idea of your roommate showing up in her house doing his laundry all the time and trying to run the house. Just let her know when she is stepping out

of bounds. Make sure to tell your roommate you can handle the situation because she would understand more if the comments came from you instead of having to put up with your roommate constantly making comments and faces when she does something out of line.

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SPORTS

Women's and men's basketball both set for tip-off

Women's squad looks for more success

RYAN ZVORSKY '09

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The 2008-09 LVC women's basketball team look to repeat last season's performance as third-year head coach Todd Godowski brings back his core players that finished last season 24-6, 5-4 in the conference.

After the Dutchmen finished 7-17 in 2007-08, the 14-game improvement was the best in NCAA Division III history, beating the 13.5-game difference previously shared by three teams. This feat was done with four freshmen starting on the court.

Leading the squad a season ago, Lori Lidlow '11 returns at guard. As the Co-Rookie of the Year and a first-team selection in the conference, Lidlow averaged 13.9 ppg while starting in 26 of 29 games. In her 29.7 minutes per game, she shot .453 (154-340) from the floor and a .660 (68-103)

from the free throw line. She also led the team in steals with 53.

Andrea Hoover '11 joins Lidlow in the starting five. The dynamic guard dished out a team-best 126 assists last year in 23 games.

Eryn Schultz '11 and Mindy Bennett '11 are also entering their second season. Schultz, a 5-10 guard, ranked third on the team with 9.9 ppg. Able to knock down the three-ball, Schultz led the squad with 45 three-pointers and shot .935 (29-31) free throw shooting.

Bennett, a forward, started in 29 of 30 games in 2007-08, finished third on the team in rebounds (115) while leading the Dutchmen in blocks (19).

Two seniors will also provide leadership and production as captains Megan Bish '09 and Amie Bickert '09 return for their final seasons.

Bish, who recorded 407 points as a freshman, played in 30 games in 2007-08. The hard-working guard led the team in field-goal percentage, shooting .478 (89-186), and ranked second in three-pointers made (20).

During LVC's "Think Pink" game

on Feb. 5, Bish sank the biggest three-ball of her career, a deep trey from the top of the key, forcing Lycoming into overtime. She led the team that night with 26 points and 11 rebounds off the bench. On the year, she was fourth in scoring (8.5 ppg) and second in rebounds (143).

Bickert saw action in 29 games last year, scoring 100 points and converting on 26-of-36 from the line. In three years, she has produced 309 points.

Susie Noyes '11 also made an impact, leading the team with 205 boards, 162 of them on defensive. She finished second on the team in points (10.9 ppg), minutes (27.0 mpg), field goal percentage (.466), and blocked shots (16).

Men's team ranked third in preseason

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LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

After an up-and-down season, the 2008-09 men's squad found itself

ranked third in the Commonwealth Conference according to coaches' poll.

LVC finished last season with a disappointing 11-15 record but mustered a .500 record (5-5) in conference play.

The Dutchmen are projected to finish behind only defending conference champion #23 Widener and Lycoming, but the season will have to play out on the court.

Head coach Brad McAlester enters his 15th season with most of last year's team still intact. The team lost only one starter, Peter Ruth '08, while returning the rest, including its dynamic duo of guards Kyle Enoch '09 and Dan Hodge '09 for their senior seasons.

Enoch led the team last year with 12.6 ppg and 71 total assists. Hodge was second on the squad in both categories with 11.9 ppg and 63 assists.

Joining the pair in the starting five is Eric Humphrey '09, Dan Dunkelberger '10, and Grant Baker '11. Last season's sixth man, Dustin Kerns '09, also figures to see a significant amount of playing time this season.

With the loss of center Ruth, Hum-

phreys will receive more playing time after recording 7.1 ppg in 25 games.

Enoch, Hodge, Humphrey, and Kerns are all entering their final season in a Dutchmen uniform. With such senior presence, the team looks poised to make some noise in the Commonwealth Conference this season.

Dunkelberger, the third returning player with 25 starts last season, also offers veteran presence on the court. He averaged 5.2 ppg and 4.2 rpg last season and will be expected to provide more production this season.

The youth of the team will be led by sophomore Grant Becker '11 who transferred mid-season from Randolph-Macon College and stepped into a starting role last season, averaging 3.8 ppg.

Along with Becker, the team also has two impressive freshmen guards Joe Meehan '12 and Jordan Stewart '12.

The team starts its season on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. against Moravian in Bethlehem.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JOE BRENNAN FOOTBALL

Brennan led the Valley to a 38-3 win over FDU-Florham, recording 214 yards of total offense and 2 touchdowns, highlighted by some amazing grabs.



ERIN YOST VOLLEYBALL

Yost was named MVP of the Commonwealth Conference tournament while leading LVC to their first conference title. She had 60 tournament assists and 2 kills, 8 digs and four block assists in the final.



FOOTBALL: Team dominant in victory

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third quarter, the Valley iced the game to open the fourth quarter as Brennan continued to burn the FDU-Florham defense going 52 yards for the score.

On the first and 10 play from their own 48-yard line, Fick handed the ball off to Charlie Parker '10 who returned to the lineup after missing two consecutive games due to injury.

Parker shoveled the pigskin to

Brennan who bolted down the far sideline for his second score.

The Valley scored again in the quarter on a Ben Guiles '12 three-yard run. Guiles ran for 46 yards on the drive.

When it was all said and done, LVC racked up 446 yards of total offense and created two turnovers, with interceptions by Comp and Tim Greiner '11.

Ryan scored eight points on the day, going a perfect 5-for-5 in the PAT

attempts and notching a field goal. She now has an NCAA Division III record 45 career points, 42 behind the NCAA all-time leader.

LVC (6-3, 4-2 MAC) travels to Lycoming (6-3, 4-2 MAC) next Saturday. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. For playoff scenarios, log onto www.GoDutchmen.com.

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Ice Hockey improves despite record

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The LVC ice hockey team is better than its 0-6 record suggests. Last week's hard-fought 4-2 loss to Utica supports this statement.

Despite the result, the young LVC team took several positives from the loss. Utica had only 25 shots on goal, the lowest total the Dutchmen have allowed so far this season. The Pioneer power-play was held scoreless, which also marks the first time the Dutchmen have had a

perfect penalty kill all season.

In the game, Utica jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Tim Coffman and Mike Leone. Coffman added his second tally of the night in the second period, and TJ Schneider scored early in the 3rd period to make the score 4-0 Utica.

LVC did not quit. Anthony Longo '10 scored his first goal of the season on the power-play at 7:58, with assists from Jeremy Browning '12 and Brad Surdam '11. Surdam added the Dutchmen's second goal five minutes later with another power-play goal.

Goaltender Aaron Miller '10, who had 21 saves on the night, said that better defensive zone coverage and neutral zone play were keys to LVC's improved play.

"Utica scores a lot of goals on back-door passes and deflections on shots from the point...we did a good job of taking those options away," said Miller. "Our forwards also made it difficult for Utica to get through the neutral zone."

LVC hosts #8 Hobart College on Friday at 7 p.m. and #3 Elmira College Saturday afternoon at 3.

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Scoreboard

Football:

11/1 vs. FDU-Florham W, 38-3

Field Hockey:

11/5 vs. Elizabethtown W, 4-0

11/8 at Messiah L, 1-2

Volleyball:

11/5 vs. Messiah W, 3-0

11/8 vs. Elizabethtown W, 3-0

Ice Hockey:

11/5 vs. Utica L, 2-4

Swimming:

11/7 vs. Susquehanna

L, 81-105 (m)

L, 87-116 (w)

Upcoming Games

For upcoming games, check out www.GoDutchmen.com

VALLEY TALLY

The LVC women's 400-freestyle relay team set a school record by nearly four seconds at their meet on Friday night...Kevin Carney '09 won two events for the men.

By The Numbers

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Number of teams that secured an NCAA bid: Volleyball and Field Hockey

45

Career points tallied by Brittany Ryan '11, an NCAA Division III record

22

Games the Volleyball team has won consecutively since their last loss on Sept. 19



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SPORTS



CHAMPIONS!!! *Volleyball wins conference title, earns NCAA bid*

MATT MARTIN '09
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The LVC women's volleyball team captured the Commonwealth Conference crown by defeating Elizabethtown 3-0 on Saturday.

The magic continues.

The girls gained entry to the championship game after manhandling Messiah last Wednesday evening by the same score of 3-0.

Erin Yost '09 set pace for the Dutchmen by dishing out 60 assists in two matches, a feat that landed her the MVP for the Commonwealth Conference Tournament.

Brandi Roth '09 collectively recorded 36 digs while Joelle Snyder '11, Michelle Little '11, and Emily Hopkins '11 combined for 39 kills, earning LVC's first Commonwealth Conference volleyball championship.

Coach Wayne Perry admitted he is continually impressed with the play of his team.

"It was a crowning achievement," said Perry. "The best thing about our team is that we trust each other and that makes us better."

The squad will debut in the NCAA tournament as the #5 seed in the Mid-Atlantic Region.



Courtesy Sports Information

SET FOR VICTORY Erin Yost '09 (both bottom pictures) earned tournament MVP honors as the Valley volleyball team (top) won the Commonwealth Conference title on Saturday against Elizabethtown

LVC will carry its 22-game win streak into the 28th Annual Division III Women's Volleyball Championship opening with a match against Carnegie Mellon University (22-15). The match will take place at host Juniata College beginning at 6 p.m. on Nov. 13.

The Tartans are ranked #6 in the region and will enter the tournament fresh off a win versus Brandeis in the third place match of the University Ath-

letic Association Championship.

Perry recognizes the challenge ahead.

"We're the smallest team around," he said, but "we've met every goal so far with cooperation and success."

Confidence is important for the Dutchmen at this juncture, considering the talent level Perry expressed about the upcoming opponents.

"They have such a strong repu-

tation," he admitted frankly. "Their conference is undoubtedly the toughest."

The girls will have to rely on their exceptional ball control and team unity to get to the next level. If the Dutchmen knock off Carnegie Mellon, they will most likely meet perennial powerhouse Juniata College (31-4) in the second regional match. The Eagles are currently ranked #2 in the AVCA Division III poll and won the national championship in 2004 and 2006.

Perry stressed the importance of not looking ahead and getting ambushed.

"We have to be ready, plain and simple," he explained. "We need to remain focused on our performance and be ready physically and emotionally."

Execution hasn't been an issue for the Dutchmen this season, and they will look to set the table with similar habits entering the national stage.

Coach Perry expressed his gratitude for all the positive feedback the team has received throughout their extraordinary season.

"I personally want to thank LVC, the athletics department, and the college community for all their support."

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Field hockey loses championship

*Despite loss, team nabs
NCAA at-large bid*

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LA VIE SPORTS EDITOR

The field hockey squad lost its second consecutive Commonwealth Conference crown to Messiah on Saturday, falling on the road to the Falcons 2-1.

#7 LVC was an underdog taking on #1 Messiah. In fact, it was only the second time all season that the team took on a higher ranked opponent; both times were against the Falcons.

In the first meeting, the Dutchmen fell to then #4 Messiah in a close game 4-3. Saturday's loss was just as close.

After surrendering a goal to Nikki Bailey in the ninth minute, the Valley held Messiah scoreless for the better part of the rest of the game.

Goalkeeper Caitlin Baro '10 repelled 18 shots for 13 saves in the game allowing the Dutchmen to comeback and tie the game in the 52nd minute.

Forward Alex Wolfe '09 notched the tying goal, coming in from the right at 51:07 on the game clock.

Just six minutes later, however, Julie Barton recorded the winning goal for the Falcons.

"We did everything but win," said Baro. "We dominated the game until we scored and then couldn't work the ball back down the field."

Despite the loss, the team's successful season and difficult schedule has earned them an at-large bid into the NCAA Division III tournament.

The team is confident that if they play as well as they can, they will advance far in the tournament.

"Great effort from everyone will make NCAA's a good competition where we might have a round three against Messiah," said Baro, who wants revenge against the Falcons.

LVC will begin their bid to reach the Final Four for the third consecutive year, opening bracket play hosting New England, tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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Football crushes FDU-Florham *Brennan, Dutchmen on fire against Devils on Senior Day*

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It has been a long time since the LVC football program will play on its final Saturday with playoff chances still looming.

With the 38-3 clobbering of the Devils of FDU-Florham Saturday at Arnold Field, the Dutchmen kept their playoff hopes alive on Senior Day.

With 14 seniors playing in their final regular season home game, it was a junior, wide receiver Joe Brennan '10, who stole the show.

Brennan totaled 214 all-purpose yards while scoring two touchdowns on the day.

In the first quarter, after traded

punts, FDU-Florham posted the first points, as Mike Barnard split the uprights on a 37-yard field goal giving the Devils a 3-0 lead. The 14-play drive totaled 55 yards, milking 4:55 off the clock.

That was the only time FDU-Florham scored on the Valley.

On LVC's second drive, the offense under quarterback Caleb Fick '11 wasted no time finding pay dirt.

While starting on their own 32-yard line, the Dutchmen only needed four plays to score on the 13-yard scamper by rookie back Blair Ransom '12.

The drive was fueled on a second and one completion from Fick to Brennan for 46 yards.

Brittany Ryan '11 converted on the PAT to make it 7-3.

The Valley offense opened the second quarter on another scoring drive, putting the Dutchmen up 14-3.

On the 10-play drive, LVC was forced into a third and 27 from the Devils 34, but tailback Mike Scott '11 rushed for 12 yards. Head Coach Jim Monos decided to go for it on fourth and 15 and the decision paid off.

As the FDU-Florham defense flushed Fick out of the pocket, he rolled to his left and airmailed a pass to the back of the endzone, and a diving Brennan came up with the unbelievable catch.

The Dutchmen defense continued to harass Devils quarterback Bill Winters as he tried to elude pressure on their next se-

ries, stepped up, and was picked off by linebacker Chadd Comp '11.

LVC clicked once again on offense as Fick got another tailback involved; this time Cruz Mannherz '11 took the shovel pass and dashed 19 yards for the touchdown, to put the Valley up 21-3 with the Ryan PAT.

Right before the half, the Dutchmen put three more points on the board off the foot of Ryan as she booted a 25-yard field goal through the uprights to give her team a 24-3 halftime lead.

Brennan had 52 of the 72 yards on the drive.

After a defensive struggle in the

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